MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Steps are being taken to ascertain the willingness of the concerned ryots to pay half contribution for the work and the necessary estimate will be prepared in due course.

Sluice at the "Ayiranikudi" bridge.

311 ***MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the construction of a sluice at the "Ayiranikudi" bridge at Pandalam; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the same?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The necessity for the sluice has not been brought to notice.

Sluice at the Vettiyar Bridge.

312. * **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any steps are being taken for widening the sluice at the Vettiyar Bridge in the Mavelikara taluk; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the same?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) Yes, investigations have been completed.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Income from the sale of medicines.

313. * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the amount collected till 15-5-1116, from sale of medicines from each of the Government hospitals in the State where there are no free treatment for patients having a monthly income of Rs. 50 or more?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Surgeon-General*): Medicines are not sold in hospitals; but fees at prescribed rates are collected from patients having a monthly income of Rs. 50 or more. The fees so levied are not only for medicines but also for treatment, examination, dieting etc.

The total amount of fees thus collected from the 1st Vrischigom 1116 till the 15th Dhanu 1116 is as follows:—

	Rs.	Ch.	C.
The General Hospital, Trivandrum ...	240	27	0
The Women & Children's Hospital Trivandrum ...	111	25	0
The Fort Hospital, Trivandrum ...	50	6	0
The District Hospital, Quilon ...	14	20	0
The Victoria Hospital, Quilon ...	32	11	0
The District Hospital, Alleppey ...	56	15	0
The District Hospital, Kottayam ...	83	11	0
Total ...	590	3	0

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: From the answer I find there is no fee received from the Nagercoil District Hospital. May I know the reason for that?

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